

Winterize your backflow

The City of Asheville Water Resources Department would like to offer these tips to help winterize your backflow assembly.

1. The best way to prevent freezing on an irrigation system is to have the assembly removed for the winter months and re-install and test the assembly in the spring when it is warmer. Another option is to turn off the shut-off valve and drain the assembly by opening the test cocks.
2. Whether your assembly stays in use for the winter, be sure the backflow cover fits securely to the ground to prevent air infiltration. Check the cover for any cracks, holes, splits, etc.
3. Cover the assembly with insulation inside the enclosure.
4. If electricity is available, install a damp rated heat tape around the assembly and piping inside the cover.

Questions: please contact the Backflow and Cross-Connection office at 828-259-5977.

